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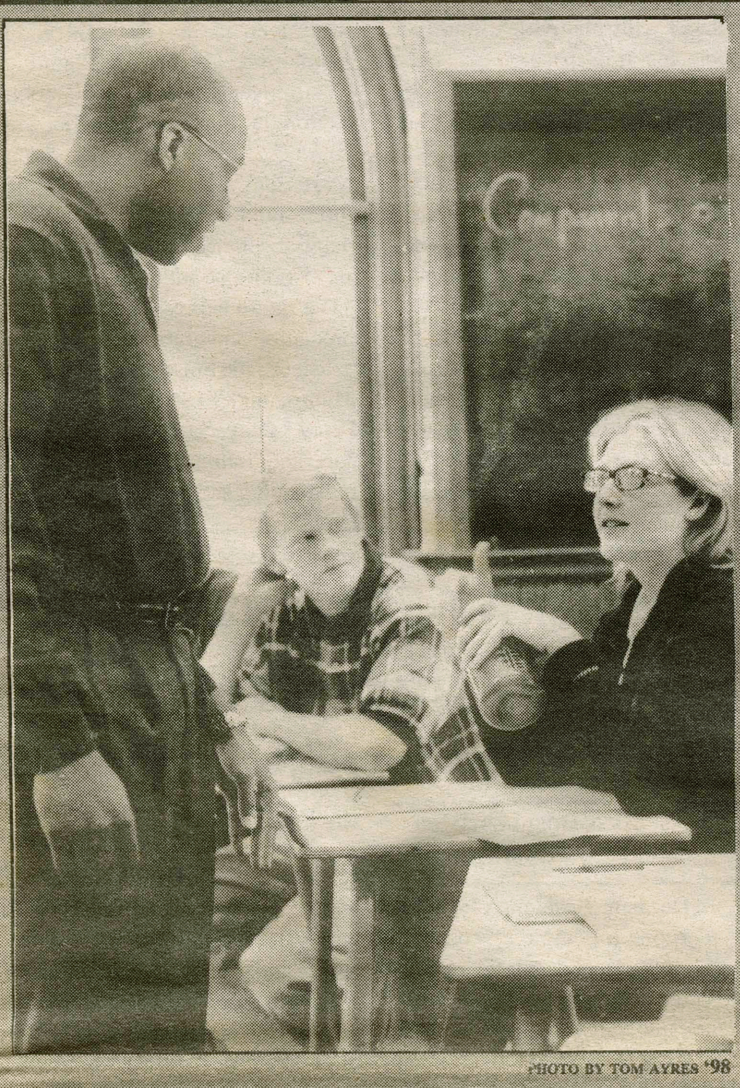

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Assistant Professor of Philosophy Todd Franklin (left) makes sure Courtney Harris '99 (center) and Temple Smith '98 have completed their first assignments.

College ascends in rankings

Hamilton ties two for 22nd in liberal arts survey

BY TOM AYRES '98
NEWS EDITOR

U.S. News and World Report came out with its annual ranking of 159 small, national liberal arts colleges on August 21 and, to the delight of many on campus, Hamilton rose from #25 to a tie for 22nd place.

While College officials have openly debated the survey's legitimacy as a truly valid measure of the education a student can get at any liberal arts college, they were certainly pleased to be recognized as one of the nation's elite.

"Regardless of whether these external studies existed, our goal is to strengthen the academic reputation of this school, thereby attracting brighter and more adventuresome young men and women from the national applicant pool," said President Gene Tobin.

Since *USN&WR* began surveying colleges a decade ago, Hamilton's ranking has been fairly consistent, fluctuating between 19th (1991) and 30th (1994). For this reason, Director of Communications Mike Debraggio decided not tout the rise in rankings in college publications.

"I try not to get too excited," he said. "Sure, millions of prospective students and their families around the country read the survey, but I haven't sent out any press releases hyping the ranking."

"Since we live in a society where competition and rankings are paramount, of course it's better to be on it than not on it," added President Tobin. "But we shouldn't get caught up in a fruitless debates about who is better and why."

Over the past three years, Hamilton has improved its selectivity ranking from 66th in 1994 to 33rd this year. Comparisons from 1996 to 1997 also showed improvements in other categories: Retention (13th - 9th); Faculty Resources (39th - 34th); and Financial Resources (26th - 25th).

Hamilton's ranking did drop in one area — Alumni Giving (13th - 24th). This decline reflected Annual Fund participation rates for 1995-1996, immediately after the Res Life decision. Tobin pointed out that the 1996-97 rate (which will be reflected in next year's survey) climbed back to 53.4%, among the highest in the country.

Publications that have ranked colleges, whether they used a one-to-five star rating such as what appears in The Fiske Guide, or a numerical score such as the the one used by *USN&WR*, were based primarily on input measures, such as the average high school class rank of a college's entering freshman and the range of their high school test scores.

"In other words," as Dean of Admissions Rit Fuller wrote in A Guide to Guidebooks, "a college is ranked according to who enrolls, not according to how a student grows over the course of their four years on

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SHAPING UP THIS YEAR'S RANKING

Category	1996	1997
Retention	*13th*	*9th*
Student selectvity	*49th*	*33rd*
Alumni giving	*13th*	*24th*
Financial resources	*26th*	*25th*
Faculty resources	*39th*	*34th*

SOURCE: U.S. NEWS, U.S. NEWS ONLINE

Summer trustee meetings handle financial matters

BY KATHY WEBBER '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

While most students were taking a break from life on the hill this summer, the Board of Trustees conducted a series of meetings in June to discuss issues for the 97-98 school year. According to a memo from President Tobin addressed to the entire Hamilton Community, the board authorized a $68.2 million dollar operating budget for the 97-98 school year in order to accommodate the 1,620 full-time equivalent students. Board also approved budgets for many projects and several committees held meeting to discuss specific issues.

Financial support will be given to programs for the improvement of the science facilities this year. According to the memo, the board authorized a $964,000 budget for "The New Century Campaign", and authorized "The New Century Campaign's" four-year capital goal of raising $83 million for student scholarships, faculty support, and facilities needs, with special attention to strengthening the teaching of science."

In addition, acting on the recommendations of the Buildings, Grounds and Equipment Committee, the Board approved an expenditure of $75,000 to complete an analysis of plans and estimates for new and improved science facilities. Tobin also stated in his memo, "The Committee also approved a

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Convocation addresses obstacles to democracy, fanfare rings of new millenium

BY SAM EVANS '00
MANAGING EDITOR

Convocation commenced the 1997-1998 academic year with two speeches from College officials, and an unexpected fanfare from organist Samuel Pellman that hinted of millenial change.

President Eugene M. Tobin gave a speech entitled "Nurtuting Our Democratic Disposition," and Pellman played his own rendition of "2001: A Space Odyssey" as the faculty strode into Wellin Hall adorned in medieval garb.

Acting Dean of the Faculty David Paris also spoke, but in a manner that engaged the predominantly freshman audience unlike how the President's address did. His oration, which drew from numerous citations of pop and intellectual culture, brought the audience of students and faculty to reflection and laughter on more than one occasion.

Unlike in years past, the fanfare for the faculty's majestic entrance into the auditorium was not the traditional organ processional: rather a musical compliment to the power and exuberance of the Hamilton College faculty marching in the third-to-last convocation ceremony of this millenium, saluting the first class set to graduate in the two-thousands.

Tobin called upon the Freshman class to rise to the challenge of upholding the democracy that gives us the very freedom to hold class discussions and meaningful debates. He also demanded of all students an active appreciation of all differences within the community, and an acceptance of the difficulties of academic life.

"The educational process is often disturbing and unsettling," he said. "When one's ideas are under attack and one's valuse are being challenged, the effect may be simultaneously painful and highly educational."

If Tobin's speech delivered one message it was that the responsibilities of students of any democracy are not simple considerations; in fact, he identified the persistent obstacles that might block our pursuit of what he called the democratic disposition:

"Democracy is about fellowship. It is not for the faint of heart; democracy is an institutional, cultural, habitual way of acknowledging the pervasiveness of conflict and the fact that our loyalties are not one; are walls are not single; our opinions are not uniform, and our ideals need not be cut from the same cloth."

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College scores well in "value" category

Students question economics of Hamilton education

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campus."

This year's survey put more emphasis on output measures, such as retention rate and "value added," which shows how well a school is educating students, regardless of the level of their academic achievement before college.

In one new criteria used in the rankings — graduation rates — Hamilton ranked fourth behind Amherst, Williams and Bucknell with 91% of its students graduating within five years.

Despite the change in methodology, President Tobin felt that the survey ignored an important aspect of Hamilton — life after graduation.

"The success of our students after graduation is one point they missed," he said. "Successful alumni in the professional, working world are perhaps the greatest examples of the quality of education here."

Although some students found it hard to believe, Hamilton tied for 38th on the "Best Values - Discount Prices" list. That is, schools that offer a high quality education at a reasonable cost. The study found that of the 50% of the student body that receive grants based on need pay an average $14,750 (an average discount of 48%).

"The idea that we are actually getting a bargain for our studies here is ludicrous," stated Preston Sutton '98. "We get fooled into believing that we have to pay such an exorbidant amount of money by colleges that we forget that a family pays more for tuition than a new house."

These rankings were based on three variables: 1) the ratio of quality to price; 2) the percentage of all undergraduates receiving grants meeting financial need during the 1996-1997 academic year; and 3) the percentage of a school's total costs covered by the average need-based grant to undergraduates.

Another change this year was in the way the rankings are presented. The final score of each ranked school was rounded to the the nearest whole number, which created more ties. Hamilton tied with both Trinity and Oberlin.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

- **Hamilton ranks second in the nation in the "value added" category, a measure of the school's role in the academic success of students as well as of how efficient the school is in playing that role.**
- **With its 91% graduation rate, Hamilton ranks fourth behind only Amherst, Williams and Bucknell, respectively.**
- **Hamilton tied with Oberlin and Trinity despite its higher ranking in retention rate and in selectivity rate.**

SOURCE: U.S. NEWS, U.S. NEWS ONLINE

Trustees get updates on many facets of college life

From Trustees, page 1

series of renewals, renovation, and equipment replacement projects but postponed action on moving ahead with plans for a multipurpose meeting space."

Because of strong and effective faculty support for the "Make a Connection" program, the Board approved a resolution commending the faculty. The program is designed to increase faculty interaction with prospective students at the top of the applicant pool.

In the area of student life, the Student Affairs Committee discussed the purpose and availability of the addition of social spaces, and plans and initiatives for improvement of campus safety. The committee also reviewed the administrative actions surrounding the Phi Beta Chi sorority.

A demonstration of the new Remote Collaboration Classroom was given to the Committee on Instruction. The Trustee Planning Committee, On-Campus Planning Committee, and Ann Duffield, a communication consultant from Marts and Lundy, discussed the future marketing and media campaign for the new program.

Tobin also added in the memo, "The Board expressed its deep appreciation and gratitude to Charter Trustees Jane Fraser and J. Richard Munro, and to Alumni Trustees Percy Luney, Sarah Redding Wilson, and Jaime Yordan for their outstanding service to Hamilton."

Dunham receives much-needed improvements

Bathrooms, hallways subject of attention

By Suzanne Dougherty '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Dunham Residence Hall has undergone a complete "cosmetic surgery." This cosmetic change resulted in entirely new bathrooms, renovated hallways and stairwells and a few miscellaneous changes in both fishbowl rooms.

Arthur Jewitt, director of Physical Plant and his crew gutted the male and female "gang" bathrooms on each floor. New shower fixtures and sinks were installed; as well as new installation of the old toilets with the addition of toilet partitions. The tiling was also completely redone in all the shelves, walls and floors. New ceilings appeared in all of the showers as well as new glass blocks which will provide more light for the Dunham bathers.

Dunham hallways also received a newer look. Ceilings and walls were resurfaced and renewed with paint while the interior of the rooms and stairwells also received a much needed paint job. Carpeting was one of the most significant of all changes. This does not only increase the look of the former dreary corridors but it has become a major noise reducer for those living in the residence hall.

New ceilings and wiring in both fishbowl rooms were also inclusive of this summer renovation process. The lounge in the third floor was remodeled so that it was as updated as the lounge on the first floor. Who would be able to believe that Dunham cuold actually be both a clean and fun place to live.

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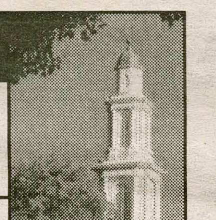

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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Yale pundits engage in faux weenie bin sex

Sex on the beach, step aside. As the school year draws to a close, Pundits say it's time for sex in the weenie bin.

The Pundits, Yale's version of the merry pranksters, struck for the first time last night since the winter Electrical Engineering Tron prank, staging heterosexual mounting behavior and tainted love in a darkened Cross Campus Library study cubby.

At approximately 9 p.m. a dark, curly-haired male and a female with brown curly hair grunted, moaned and thumped in the darkened weenie bin closest to the research computer cluster, perhaps feigning sexual intercourse. Or perhaps not.

The sound effects could have boosted any XXX pornography production — if provided with a love-funk baseline. "There was a guy and [a girl] hooking up in there," said Courtney Granville '97, who professed to being a "sometimes" voyeur. "And I watched the whole time."

As the noises continued, a female walked past the bin, and upon glancing in, appeared shocked and banged on the door. Sam Walsh '99 said the "astonished" observer was "tall with long red hair." Most observers said the intruder did not participate in the erotic activity.

The three Pundits then staged an argument, alerting surrounding students that the redhead was the male's boyfriend and the male had cheated on her by hooking up with the other woman. Anthony Kyriakakis '98, who was studying in the bin a door over from the sex carrel, said he first heard "a lot of giggling."

"And then some rhythmic sounds," he added. "Kind of a knocking against a desk, like something was hitting something repeatedly. It was hard to distinguish what, though."

Lori Belliveau '98 confirmed the moans, which she said transpired "right before the fighting."

"When the girlfriend ... opened the door, the other girl in the weenie bin was panting, which was what initially drew my attention," Belliveau said. "Her shirt was on but it was a little bit off her shoulders. She was disheveled, especially her hair, and she kept rubbing her face."

By 9:10 p.m., more than 30 students had mobbed the area by the central computer research cluster on the first floor of the library — giggling, blushing and whispering the name of the notorious senior prankster group.

At least five individuals rumored to be members of the Pundits lurked in the background, including several with the bleached hair and dark roots many in the group sport with their wardrobe this spring.

A voice booming from the wall speakers in CCL announced, "Just a reminder — weenie bins are for studying only," followed by a muffled giggle. Asa Piyaka '98 said he believed the event was part of a spring campus "revolution of sorts" in sexual activity. "People, they go to the stacks, Woolsey Hall. It's a conspiracy," he said. "I was on page 14 of my paper, and now my train of thought — I can't concentrate."

University of Southern California students to live in lounges due to lack of housing

Thirty freshmen will be placed in Fluor Tower lounges as temporary university housing due to an overflow in freshman applicants, housing officials said.

The lounge residents, all of whom applied for housing late in the process, will be the first students to be reassigned to vacant freshman spots in university housing throughout the year, said Jeff Urdahl, director of Housing Services.

This is the second year in a row that the Fluor lounges have been used as temporary housing.

"Some of the perception that existed last year is that the students were really done a bad thing," Urdahl said. "While it would have been very nice to put them into traditional, standard university housing locations, the students that went into the overflow locations applied very late in the process."

Furniture will be brought into the 10 Fluor lounges, each of which will house three residents. Door locks, telephones and cable access have already been installed in the lounges.

"Students still want to attend here, and to the extent that we want to accommodate them, we want to try and do that," Urdahl said.

WORLD NEWS

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Reno hints at possible Gore probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the threat of an independent counsel looming over Al Gore, three Buddhist nuns told senators today that a controversial fund-raiser at their temple was hatched after a meeting at the White House with the vice president and two Democratic fund-raisers.

The nuns also acknowledged that members of their temple were reimbursed the day after they made donations to the Democratic Party at the event last year, insisting they were unaware federal law prohibited such reimbursements.

Dressed in brown robes, their heads shaved, the three nuns sat calmly at a Senate witness table as they were granted immunity from prosecution. They then testified, sometimes through their lawyer or an interpreter, about the April 29, 1996 event that has ensnared Gore in controversy.

Their appearance came a day after Attorney General Janet Reno announced she was reviewing whether to open a preliminary investigation that could lead to appointment of an independent prosecutor to investigate Gore's fund-raising activities.

But Man-Ho, the temple's administrative officer, testified she destroyed a list of people who had donated a total of $45,000 to attend the luncheon with Gore after news reports about the controversial event first surfaced last fall. "I was afraid the document might cause embarrassment to the temple," she told senators.

The nuns testified the fund-raiser was planned after temple leaders came to Washington to meet at the White House with Gore in March 1996 and invited the vice president to an event at their temple.

The nuns said their temple leaders were escorted to the White House by the two fund-raisers who later organized the event — John Huang and Maria Hsia.

The White House says there was no discussion of a fund-raiser at the meeting with Gore even though Hsia and Huang were present.

Reagan gives address via phone

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unable to attend an event for $10,000-plus Republican donors held at the Commerce Department, President Ronald Reagan was asked to phone the reception instead with some reassuring words.

"We have the Eagles (the GOP's term for $10,000-plus donors) down to the White House quite often so I will be seeing you soon,'' he was told to say in "talking points" prepared for a 1982 phone call from the White House. The memo is marked "call made."

The call was one of several fund-raising-related calls by Reagan during his presidency that are detailed in documents in the public files of his presidential library in Simi Valley, Calif. The Associated Press obtained the documents from the library after being alerted to them by Democratic sources.

The papers indicate Reagan several times made telephone calls to congressional or GOP fund-raising events from the White House and the Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland, and was assured by White House lawyers such calls were legal.

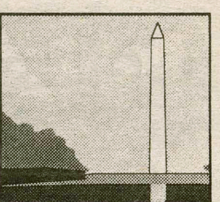
"It's a good idea and we're eager to cooperate," then-Reagan political director Mitchell E. Daniels Jr. wrote in 1986 when he recommended the president make a series of such calls.

"Counsel's office has reviewed the attached scheduling proposal and has no objection to it from a legal perspective,'' then-associate counsel Robert M. Kruger wrote in a May 6, 1988, White House memo titled, "Phone Call to Bob Michel Fund-Raiser." Michel, R-Ill., was the House minority leader at the time.

That memo recommended simply that "incremental costs associated with the call, if any, should be billed to the appropriate RNC account." Reagan's fund-raising call sheets were prepared on official White House stationery by presidential aides, and some memos indicate the White House operator was used to place the call.

The documents do not indicate Reagan ever made a call directly to individual donors from the White House to solicit a specific amount of money — like Vice President Al Gore has admitted. President Clinton has said it is possible he also may have made direct telephone solicitations.

NATIONAL NEWS



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Six dead, 184 wounded in Jerusalem blasts

JERUSALEM (AP) — Three nail-studded bombs apparently carried by suicide bombers ripped through a downtown Jerusalem pedestrian mall packed with shoppers and tourists today, killing at least six people and wounding 184.

The Islamic militant group Hamas claimed responsibility in a leaflet faxed to news a encies. The group, which opposes Israel-Palestinian peace deals, threatened to carry out more attacks unless Hamas prisoners held by Israel were released by Sept. 14.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the already deeply troubled peace process with the Palestinians could not proceed unless Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat crushed Hamas. Arafat condemned the blasts, saying they were designed to sabotage plans for Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's visit to the region next week. President Clinton said they would not affect Albright's trip.

Six people died, according to public security minister Avigdor Kahalani; Israel TV's Channel 2 reported seven deaths. City police chief Yair Yitzhaki said three torn-apart bodies apparently were those of suicide bombers who had carried their explosives in separate bags.

Blood spattered the pavement and rescue workers rushed victims away on stretchers. A girl's body, covered by a sheet of plastic, was lying in an alley; the face was blown off another corpse. One woman sat crying under a tree while paramedics bandaged her. Ultra-Orthodox Jewish volunteers picked up bits of flesh for burial.

Arafat said the Hamas claim of responsibility showed that the assailants apparently came from abroad. However, there was nothing in the leaflet to back Arafat's claim. Clinton said he hoped the bombings would give the U.S.-sponsored peace drive "added urgency." And, he said, "It's all the more important for Secretary Albright to go. It's important she go on and go right out and we keep pushing this thing."

Immediately after the bombing, Arafat's Cabinet secretary, Ahmed Abdel Rahman, offered full security cooperation with Israel — something Israel had been demanding as a condition for resuming stalled peace talks. Netanyahu said the Palestinian offer is too little, too late.

Brit papers press Queen for emotion

LONDON (AP) — "Speak to us Ma'am," "Show us you care," the tabloids clamored today, pressing Queen Elizabeth II to make a public show of grief over the death of Princess Diana.

And the queen responded. Buckingham Palace announced she will make a broadcast to the nation on Friday, the day before Diana's funeral. Her spokesman, Geoffrey Crawford, also made a rare television appearance to counter accusations that the queen has failed to meet the national mood of grief.

"The queen has asked me to say that the royal family have been hurt by suggestions that they are indifferent to the country's sorrow at the tragic death of the Princess of Wales," Crawford said, appearing on the BBC's midday television newscast.

The queen has remained with Prince Charles and her grandsons Prince William, 15, and Prince Harry, 12, at Balmoral Castle in Scotland. She plans to come to London by train Friday night with Prince Philip and the Queen Mother for Saturday's funeral at Westminster Abbey. Charles is to return to London with his sons on Friday, and will go to the Chapel Royal before Diana's body is moved to her Kensington Palace apartment.

"As their grandmother, the queen is helping the princes to come to terms with their loss, as they prepare themselves for the public ordeal of mourning their mother with the nation on Saturday."

NATO Chief threatens retaliation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bosnian Serb instigators of attacks on allied troops were warned by NATO's top general Wednesday to back off or face retaliation.

Citing "great cause for concern" about further Bosnian Serb threats and violence against NATO forces, Gen. Wesley Clark said those who are behind the anti-NATO campaign should not assume U.S.-allied troops will continue to show restraint.

"We will use all means necessary — including lethal means — to protect our forces and to continue our mission," said Clark, the supreme allied commander in Europe. NATO troops encountered mob attacks last Thursday and Friday, and this week American troops who had seized control of a key television tower near Tuzla were harassed by mob of Bosnian Serbs. The Americans withdrew Tuesday after Bosnian Serb hardliners agreed to halt anti-NATO broadcasts from the tower.

NEWS OF THE ABSURD

Parents of the year

In May, a 7-year-old-girl was murdered in a restroom stall at a Primm, Nev., casino at 4 a.m. while her father, Leroy Iverson, gambled; security guards had already asked him twice to take custody of the girl, who had been roaming the casino for hours. And in June, authorities in Cincinnati removed three toddlers from a feces-strewn bedroom they were locked into for up to twelve hours a day: their mother, Sandra Hacker, allegedly did not want them disturbing her while she was on the Internet. But wait it gets better. In Chicago in May, Dianna Meeks, 25, was charged with manslaughter for ignoring a doctor's order to take her 2-month-old, severely malnourished son straight to a hospital; instead Meeks went shopping and then had a manicure at the Sunny Nails shop, where the boy died.

A Litigious Society

Steven Weisblat of New City, N.Y., filed a lawsuit against a a recently married Armenian-American couple in Hackensack, N.J., in April for various injuries sustained while he was a guest at their wedding. According to the lawsuit, as tradition, the groom was tossed into the air by dancers, but they were inebriated and tossed him too far, and he landed on Weisblat, who wasn't even on the dance floor at the time.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit

Bangkok's latest English-language newspaper, The Nation, reported in February on a raging war by coffin sellers in the southern Thailand city of Nakhon Si Thammarat. Eight shops are located across the street from the city's largest hospital, and bribes of hospital personnel for clients are common. A television station reported that that one shop's agent sneaked into several hospital

reading between the headlines

rooms to disconnect oxygen to terminal patients whose relatives were already known to the shop and thus might have given them their business.

Government in Action

A February New York Daily News story detailed what NYPD procedures require for when a squad car needs a new tire. The officer must fill out a Tire Replacement Request form and send it to the Tire Integrity Unit, go pick up the tire at a city vehicle maintenance facility, take it to a city-owned vendor to have it put on, take the old tire back to the police garage, and have the precinct commander sign the Tire Replacement Request form certifying that the new tire is actually on the car. In 1995, the last year for which figures where available, NYPD salaries during tire-changing totaled nearly $500,000.

Recurring Themes

Latest incident of a dog stepping on a gun and causing it to discharge and shoot the dog's owner, in Tacoma, Wash., in July; latest emphysema patient to die when he lit a cigarette and accidentally ignited his oxygen supply, in La Habra, Calif., in July; latest arson charges to be brought against a firefighter allegedly just trying to get some overtime pay, in Weiser, Iowa, in July; latest fatal beatings in Africa of so-called sorcerers who are suspected of of making men's penises shrink or vanish with a mere handshake, in Dakar, Senegal, in August.

Order in the Court

In a kidnapping trail in San Mateo Calif., in July, the 11-year-old victim was asked to identify the man who abducted her. She gazed aroung the courtroom, past defendant John Paul Balocca sitting with his counsel, and pointed to juror No. 11. Fortunately, Balocca had already confessed to the abduction; the purpose of the trial was to ascertain the degree of the crime. No charges were filed against juror No. 11.

SPECTACLES Walk the walk

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The first day of classes revealed a campus in full swing as students crowded the bridge on Martin's Way heading to and from class.

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-Amy Ryan '00

"Are you ticklish?"
-Anonymous Phonecaller. We wish we knew who you are.

"I think the hole in my ass is getting bigger!"
-Anonymous girl (we think she was referring to her jeans)

PERSONALS

Big Mouth,

Watch what you say to people you don't know. My sources tell me you've been sharing classified information in exchange for sexual favors. Be careful... I'm keeping an eye on you.

Big Brother

Dear Ernesto,

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Campus Crossword

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY by Gregory E. Paul
Edited by Stanley Newman

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5 Common mineral
9 Banal
14 Wheel holder
15 Russian river
16 Sweltering
17 Children's game
19 Silly
20 Greek H
21 Calendar abbr.
22 Crew member
24 Bagel centers
26 Somewhat: Suff.
27 Counsel
30 New Jersey city
35 Semiconductor, e.g.
36 English composer
37 Emerald Isle
38 Put on board
39 Tiny insects
40 Formulate
41 "__ Dinka Doo" (Durante song)
42 Cuts down
43 French seaport
44 Boston nickname
46 Seeks pests, as a cat
47 __ Plaines, IL
48 Crave
50 Storage spaces
54 Diagnostic aid: Abbr.
55 Not at home
58 Waterproof fabric
59 Sidewalk game
62 South American range
63 Word form for "straight"
64 Farm structure
65 Annoying
66 "__ Little Tenderness"
67 Genesis man

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1 Army camp
2 Theater sign
3 __ mater
4 Pierce Arrow rival
5 Triceps, e.g.
6 Wrathful
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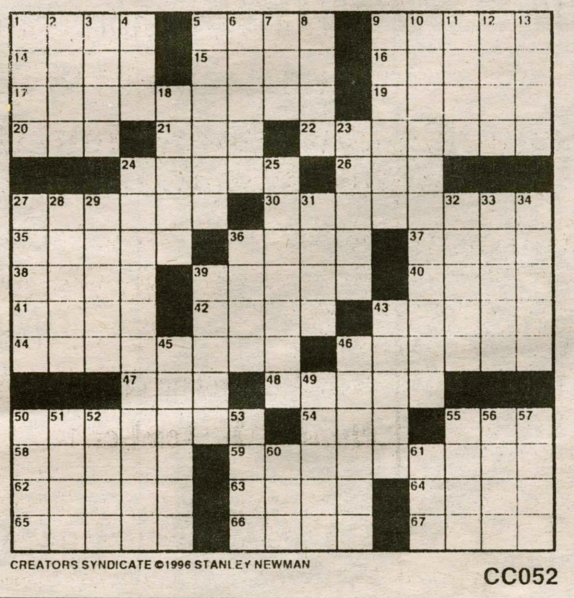

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FACES IN THE CROWD

Jack Spangler '00

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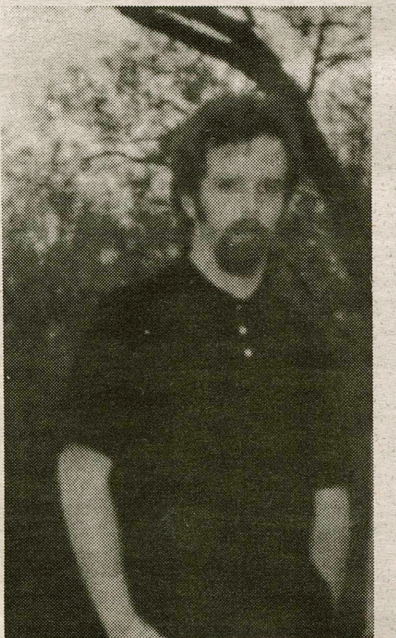

If you think you've seen Alexi Lalas in class or on the rugby field, you're close, but no cigar. The tall redhead with the distinctive goatee is actually Jack Spangler, president of the sophomore class.

In the minds of most of his classmates Jack Spangler is a great speaker. His first impression upon his classmates came in the form of a speech made at the end of the Adirondack Adventure closing banquet last year. Before many of his present classmates Jack gave a spontaneous and rousing oration comparing his group's recent wilderness experience to Captain Ahab's grand adventure with Moby Dick.

Jack soon distinguished himself not only as a public speaker, but also as a competent class officer. He served as president of the class of 2000 for the '96-'97 academic year and was duly re-elected for the '97-'98 academic year. Jack became interested in student government in his sophomore year of high school. As he says, "Here's the Norman Rockwell part: I was walking in the woods with my family and dog, when my brother said: 'Why don't you run for student body president?'" Jack didn't actually consider running until a friend chose to nominate him; he won the election and soon began his career in student politics.

Along with student government Jack participated in Model UN his first year at Hamilton; he joined MUN in high school as well. Jack feels it helped him become more outgoing and interact more easily with classmates.

An activity Jack hopes to continue this year is his sports-talk radio show, "Three Ring Circus", which he broadcast on WHCL last season with Eric Mihan '00 and Karl Milander '00. The show will consist of "intensely intellectual debate on the intricacies of professional sports, namely the trials and tribulations of the NHL."

Perhaps his greatest love though, is men's rugby. Jack joined the men's rugby team his first year at Hamilton and will continue to play in the upcoming season. "The best thing about rugby is the intense comraderie; not only of our team but of all rugby players in general." As he says, "I think it's really wonderful that two teams with no obvious connection can play such a violent sport and then come together to sing songs and engage in good cheer. Once you come out the other side of a rugby game with other players you form a closer bond."

Jack Spangler has the rare qualities of a truly Renaissance man. Jack has spontaneously given rousing orations, as well as excelled at (what some believe to be) a brutal sport. He keeps the Hamilton community engaged in interesting sports trivia, and proudly serves as the voice of his class in Student Assembly. Jack may not be Alexi Lalas, but he has certainly achieved here at Hamilton.

RILEY'S

Occasional Ramblings

Hacking, housing, and a dream

By Riley Fenner '00
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A sophomore transfer student to Hamilton College has already begun to make his mark on our community, due to his difficulties with the on-campus housing lottery. Mark Haynes, a transfer student from Hampshire College and an anthropology major, was placed on the housing waiting list after deciding to attend Hamilton this fall. Haynes was informed during the course of the summer that he would be living in a single in Bundy East residence hall. However, Mark had been made aware of the less than stellar reputation of the Bundy dormitories before this, and made plans to improve his address status on campus.

Haynes broke into the Hamilton College computer database, and found the statistical information on a student resembling himself who had been assigned to the newly renovated DU house for the coming semester. Now that he had spent the first half of his summer teaching himself to be a computer hacker, Mark spent the rest of thesummer saving to buy a scanner and photo printer; these were essential to Mark's plan to produce a perfect false identification so that he could take his place at the top of the hill, and, he hoped as a result, the top of his class.

However, the story of Mark Haynes is not the happy adventure of a counterfeiter. After attempting to convince the true occupant of his room in DU that they were being moved to different rooms as part of a psychological study on expectations and behavior, Haynes and his possessions were removed to the lawn of the former frat house.

From there Mark decided that he might as well retreat to the outskirts of the community, e.g., Bundy. After making numerous trips down the hill on foot with his possessions, Mark discovered that the room he had been planning on moving into was no longer reserved in his name, and had in fact been made into a storage closet.

In desperation Mark pitched a small tent in the heart of Root Glen, and started shopping for insulated sleeping bags. However, within twenty-four hours, he had been spotted by scouts for the Hamilton Environmental Action Group. Mark had to move out of the Glen, remove any trash he might have left, and also sing chants to the plants in the area of his camp every afternoon for a week to help restore them to health.

Since his experiences trying to find a place to hang his hat and lay his head, Mark has set up a much larger tent on campus, and is working on setting up a support group for students who are unhappy with their housing. Behind the Babbitt suites Haynes has erected a large tent that is illuminated at night by torches, complete with a fire pit for heating and dining needs. The tent provides a refuge for people who are dissatisfied with their rooms because of location, size, odor, roommates or for any other reason. Visitors to the tent can sleep there, eat there, study there, and can even be counseled by Mark on the difficulties of settling for an unsatisfactory living space, which Mark knows a lot about now that he, unlike any other student at Hamilton, is not allowed to maintain a residence on campus and is forced to live elsewhere in Clinton when he is not attending class or counseling his peers.

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TURNING PITS INTO PALACES: Facelifting DU and Dunham

By Jamie McKee '00
Features Writer

It has finally happened. After all the administrative promises and elaborate floor plans, Dunham has become less of a zoo and more of a cheap hotel. With the addition of carpeted hallways, refurbished bathrooms, and newly stuccoed walls, *Architectural Digest* can not be far away.

And does that statement ring true for the former Delta Upsilon house as well? The sixty person residence hall can barely be called a dorm. With it's spacious doubles, singles that could easily house three, huge lounges and study areas, not to mention it's Martha Stewart bathrooms, it's no wonder it went so quickly during last spring's housing lottery.

The former DU house, now called 3940 Campus Road, is in my opinion, the finest living area on campus. It is filled with upperclassmen, with the exception of one first-year.

Although construction is still being performed, all the necessary living implements are in place. The remaining crews are doing touch up work and should not occupy The Hill much longer. It's new parking lot provides ample parking for those who brought their automobiles to school. The windows facing east on the third floor provide an excellent view of the valley below.

Unfortunately the view from Dunham's third floor windows is common, at best. To the rear is the unbelievably gorgeous parking lot. The front boasts fantastic views of North and South court, as well as the ever-popular Commons dining hall. The North and south sides give rise to the pool and offices respectively. There's nothing like waking up in Dunham and taking a gaze across the beautiful landscape. That's if your lucky enough to get some sleep.

"Dunham is the place where you awake at 4:00 in the morning the night before finals to hear people singing as loudly as they can to cheesy eighties music. And no matter how many times you call security they never show up to stop the crowd from screaming or urinating behind a parked car," according to John Morrell '00. John wisely choose not to live in Dunham again this year, although it did "awaken me to the animal side of humanity."

There are benefits to living in Dunham. With a very high percentage of the dorm being first-year students, they can't help but meet each other. It also provides a smoke free option in housing.

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The former DU house became a palace in mere months.

When most first-years receive their housing assignments over the summer, they are not excited to be placed in Dunham. Even with its cosmetic upgrading it still has tiny doubles and bad lighting. One student reported, "those fluorescent lights make me blind!" As well as having one of the least aesthetically pleasing exteriors of all the residence halls. It is simply not a location one likes to call "home."

What will become of the dorms this weekend? Sure they look pretty now, but can they stand up to typical weekend abuse? Will the walls of Dunham still be white? And what of the carpeted hallway, how long is that going to last? These questions and many more will be answered in time. To those living in 3940 Campus Road: congratulations, and keep it clean. To those who are "lucky" enough to occupy the Dunham zoo, keep your cage clean.

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EDITORIAL

Communicative community

Last spring, our campus witnessed one of its more memorable and important displays of public discussion when concerned students and faculty responded to an incident of extreme hate speech. People mobilized and took action, spurring a flurry of open mikes and open forums.

Certainly, these events occupied the thoughts of many Hamiltonians over the summer, including President Tobin. His remarks at Convocation last Sunday night included a wide array of information and commentary about the history of free speech, particularly on college campuses. Tobin spoke of the "speech codes" that began to spring up in college guidelines in the late eighties, dictating the limits of free speech on campus. After several were struck down in court, the trend faded.

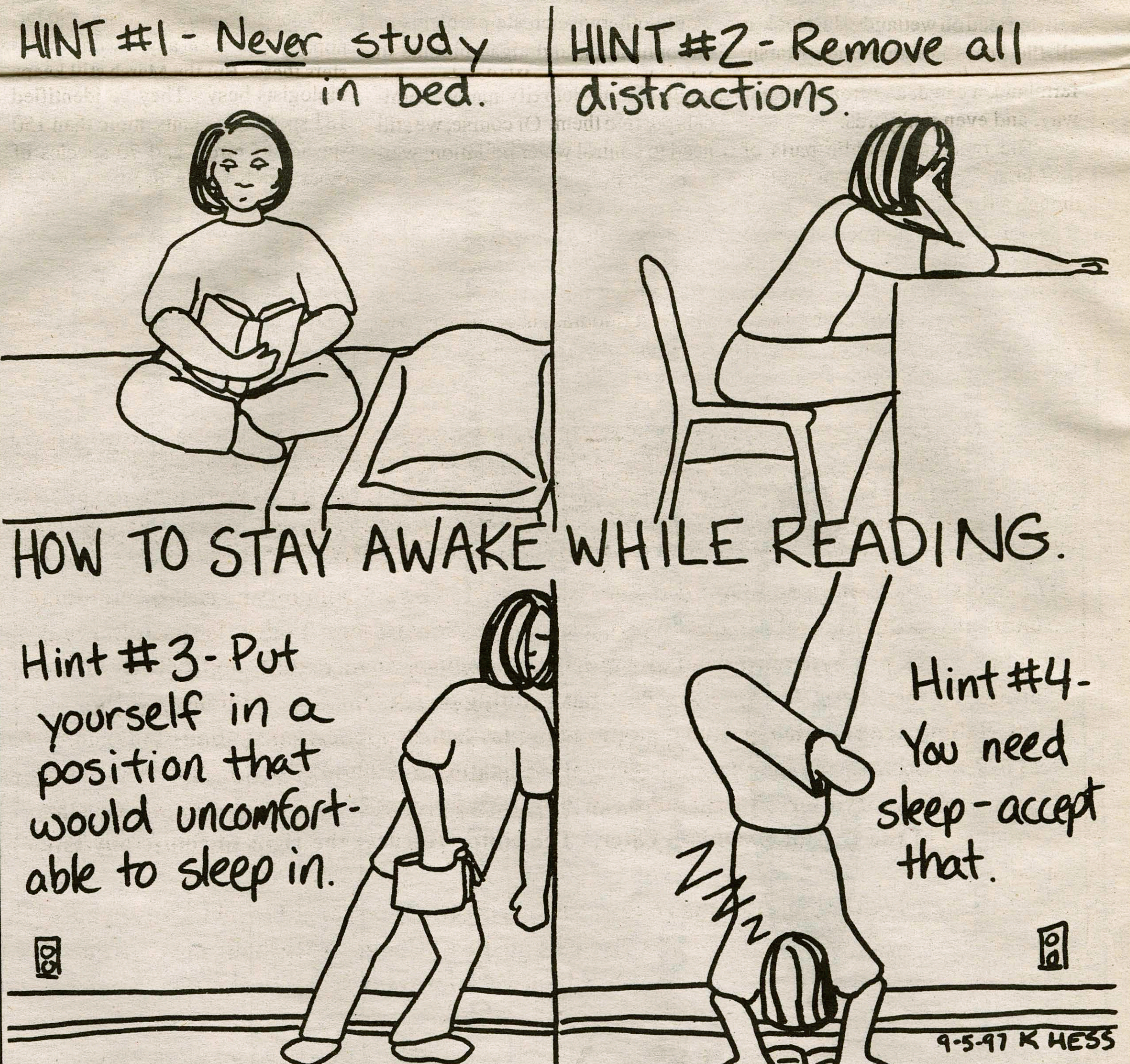
Now we are lost. While President Tobin believes our campus to be at the doorstep of "the continued conversations that nurture the democratic dispositions of respect, honesty, trust, goodwill, and moral maturity," we are actually knocking on the wrong door.

"A college ought to be the last place where people are inhibited by fear of punishment from expressing ignorance or even hate, so long as others are left free to answer," Tobin said. "It is precisely campuses such as ours that are increasingly diverse and pluralistic that most urgently need to protect freedom of expression." But then, he continued: "If we continue to move toward the creation of separate institutions, separate pedagogies, and separate cultures, we will invite not more variety and pluralism, but less." Finally, Tobin stated that acts of extreme hate speech would be punished.

In this contradiction of ideas, Tobin has pinpointed the truth: we are, on this campus, a society of increasingly diverse people who are encouraged to separate into diverse groups that cannot communicate. The College has long trumpeted the virtues of building a diverse, multicultural campus, and its efforts are to be applauded. However, upon arrival in Clinton, the student realizes that he/she can easily join a group that consists of people exactly like him/her.

So Tobin is correct: the creation of separate cultures leads to less pluralism. These separate cultures use expression to publicize their own views, but little debate or cross-referencing occurs. It is a jumbled mess of identities and objectives for interaction that are pressed upon the community. Perhaps if we all forgot for a second about the image we are trying to create and just acted as ourselves we would learn a lot more.

The outpouring of debate last spring exploded from a disgusting expression of hatred. It would be hard to find many people who were not appalled by the content of that intial anonymous letter. But what if it had never been written? Or what if the author(s) were caught before the letter reached its recipient? Would we be closer to becoming a more communicative community? Probably not.



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The muddy marsh matters more than the mall

PETER KELLY
REASONABLE RESOLUTIONS

A recent survey asked Americans whether they thought wetlands like swamps, marshes, and bogs were being adequately protected. More than half (53%) thought that we should do more to protect wetlands, while only 9% thought we were over-protecting them. (The remaining 38% thought that current protection was just right or didn't know.)

This concern for wetlands is surprisingly recent. Until the 1970s, most people viewed wetlands as mysterious places that bred mosquitoes. They were "wastelands," too wet to farm, build on, or walk on, but too shallow for boating.

No one complained when the government did massive "land reclamation" projects. Millions of Americans now live on drained swamps or other wetlands. In fact, almost the entire southern half of Florida, as well as Washington, D.C. itself, were once wetlands.

To most people, wetland destruction probably conjures up images of commercial developers filling in marshes for shopping malls (as was done locally at Sangertown, relocating beavers). But this image is misleading, because agricultural draining has actually accounted for a lot more wetland destruction than has all urbanization.

And there are other human impacts on wetlands. Over the years, we've drained wetlands to control mosquitoes, stripped bogs of peat and peat moss (for fuel and gardens), and dumped on wetlands. Just look at all the "uses" of the Utica Marsh. Parts of it have been converted to farmland, a canal, a railroad, a highway, and even junkyards.

The remaining public parts of the Marsh are now legally protected, though a fire last summer from thousands of illegally dumped tires sent billows of black smoke into north Utica, and may have affected the protected areas of the Marsh. Elsewhere in our area, farmers and mall developers are still destroying wetlands.

Wetland destruction is an alarming nationwide problem. Even the West's wetlands have been severely affected. California has lost 91% of its original wetlands. In the U.S., 53% of the original wetlands are gone, a loss equivalent to three times the area of Florida.

By the EPA's definition of a wetland, roughly 5% of the area of the lower 48 states is wetland, compared to roughly 10% in the 1700s. Of course, some converted agricultural areas would revert to wetlands if abandoned, but mall parking-lots will stick around. If we leave it to nature to restore the Sangertown wetland, we may have to wait thousands of years—until the next ice age!

OK, so who cares? At first glance, most wetlands may look like little more than mud with cattails. Maybe you prefer malls to marshes. But it's amazing how many important ecological functions wetlands serve. Consider first the special functions of wetlands that border rivers and streams.

Believe it or not, the water coming out of a wetland is usually cleaner than the water that went in. As water passes through a wetland, sediment settles out, leaving many pollutants behind and helping to maintain deep gravel riverbeds for fish spawning and navigation.

Wetland plants use up excess nutrients like fertilizer runoff, which would otherwise create problems of eutrophication and algae blooms in lakes downstream. Wetlands are actually able to detoxify many chemicals put into them. Of course, we still need to control water pollution; wetlands can only do so much.

Wetlands store water and release it slowly, so they can control floods—at least small ones. The number and size of large floods (such as 1993's Midwest flooding) have increased in recent decades, due in part to wetland destruction; the effectiveness of wetlands in controlling large floods needs further study. Slow water-release from wetlands also keeps small streams flowing during dry spells, preserving the fish and other wildlife that depend on them. Wetlands along rivers also prevent shoreline erosion.

Wetlands not along rivers are also critical to a healthy environment. In many cases, their standing water seeps into the ground and recharges groundwater aquifers. Without wetlands, wells dry up, and millions are in trouble.

It's not just big, glamorous wetlands like the Everglades that do these things. Seasonal wetlands (which are usually small) actually do a better job of purifying water than year-round ones. Small wetlands are also more likely to replenish groundwater. An added benefit of small wetlands is that together they provide more habitat than one large wetland of the same area.

And what a rich habitat it is! Take the Utica Marsh, an urban wetland only about 1/2 mile on a side. So far, nobody has seen any swamp monsters there. But the Marsh still keeps biologists busy. They've identified 181 species of plants, more than 150 species of birds, and 70 species of other vertebrates in the Marsh. (They estimate 3,000 muskrats alone.) This incredible diversity is maintained by the rapid growth of plants under the wet and high-nutrient conditions, and by the diverse habitats created along the gradient from wettish soils to open water.

Wetlands are important for more than just a few biologists and birdwatchers. (Actually even birdwatching has become mainstream, with 50 million Americans classifying themselves as birdwatchers.) For example, every year hunters spend $600 million hunting birds that depend on wetlands; to the dismay of some animal-rights advocates, hunters are now a major political force for wetland protection. Studies have estimated that it would cost $1,000 per acre per year to replace just some of the services wetlands provide (fish and game habitat and breeding ground, recreation, and flood control). Estimates that try to include pollution control and other hard-to-quantify services run as high as $100,000 per acre per year.

So where exactly are these $100,000 wetlands? Wetlands are difficult to define, so regulating their use is complex and controversial. From nature's perspective, it doesn't make any sense to pound in surveyors' stakes and say: "The wetland starts here and stops over there." By its very nature, a wetland is a transitional zone between land and water, and water levels vary a lot with seasons and rainfall. In 1987, the federal government put out an immensely thick manual that was supposed to provide clear definitions. But even specialists find it close to incomprehensible, so there's lots of work for lawyers.

Some landowners challenge the current regulations, claiming that restrictions on wetland use on private property lower property values and effectively amount to an unconstitutional governmental seizure of private property. Getting permission to use wetlands involves a lot of paperwork, and there are occasional snafus, but most of the time the issuing of permits to use wetlands goes smoothly—probably too smoothly. In the most recent year for which data are available, 48,000 people applied for wetland conversion permits. Of these applications, 99.3% were approved, with an average processing time of only 27 days. Sometimes, the government even provides compensation, as provided for in the Constitution. Under the Wetlands Reserve Program, the federal government will actually pay farmers not to grow crops on certain currently cropped wet areas.

In the long term, artificial wetlands may successfully offset losses of natural ones. However, despite considerable research, it has turned out to be quite difficult to "build a bog." When President Bush realized that his "no net loss of wetlands" campaign promise of 1988 couldn't be kept by counting artificial wetlands, he shifted his stance suddenly, pushing for a redefinition to include more areas as wetlands in order to fulfill his promise. For the foreseeable future, artificial wetlands will probably be most useful for sewage treatment. With a warm climate and enough land, artificial wetlands can be a cost-effective and environmentally sound alternative to conventional sewage treatment.

Even natural wetlands aren't perfect. They do breed mosquitoes, so protecting them may be inappropriate in tropical areas with mosquito-borne diseases. Wetlands also release methane, which contributes to global warming. But their ecological benefits far outweigh the drawbacks. The message finally seems to be getting out. As John Clark writes in the forward to *The Future of Wetlands:*

"While touring the Georgia lowlands recently, I was stunned to see large advertisements posted by local real estate offices extolling the virtues of Marshfront Properties. Nothing is more honest than the marketplace, and here it was announcing that twenty years of frustrating effort had paid off. We had convinced people that wetlands were beautiful...so well that they were willing to pay premium prices for land that bordered the salt marsh."

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When you have heard or spoken the phrase, "pretty good, and yours?" More than five times in one day you realize that yes, you are back at Hamilton for another semester. Some find this notion to be exciting, an end to a summer filled with countless Blockbuster runs, late night television, and overbearing bosses or parents; others find the mere thought of being back on campus to be nauseating. Whatever the case, everyone must deal with the anxiety of readjustment, a process that usually takes a week or two or even more if you get food poisoning from Commons.

If you're a First Year, this is one of the biggest adjustments of your life, for Upperclassmen its the unsettling thought of actually having to do work again that makes you wish that summer had just been a little longer. But alas we are back and with being back comes the first week inevitable... the "Hamilton look away" (I don't really want to say Hi to this person so I will direct my eyes anywhere but in the general vicinity of their face until I pass them)... the "Ten Step OOPS," (When you realize several confident strides down the path, after you've said "What's up Frank," that the guy's name was Larry)... the "Faces Book Phenomenon" (That every male upperclassman room seems to somehow wind up with a Faces Book even though they were never issued one)... the "McEwen/Commons Meat Market" (self explanatory)... and "The Three Day Hangover." These are some of the things that those of us who have been here a while have come to accept, and even embrace as part of college life.

There are, however, those other things that we don't greet with open arms. Those pestering gnats, those little annoying things about Hamilton that we forget about over the summer. For instance, why is it that the school spent half a trillion dollars installing Internet AND cable connections in every room and I am still being forced to watch that big budget production, the Utica News with news anchor Suzy Whatshername through a thick layer of TV snow? And if by the likely chance that one of the TWO CHANNELS that you can actually get with your dorm room antenna doesn't in fact carry your favorite show, you must resort to the Mecca of all social interaction, the TV lounge.

Here, one has the unique pleasure to sit on one of those really comfortable lounge couches next to Johnny Random who still has his sweaty practice clothes on, and if by the grace of God the six thousand people who have huddled into the room have chosen to watch your show, you can't hear it anyway because Jody and Janice Random are blabbering in the corner. I just don't watch TV anymore. But maybe that's what they want. They don't trust us to have cable in our rooms and still do work, they don't trust us with fraternity houses, they don't trust us to live off campus, they just don't trust us...I don't even think they like us.

But more importantly there are those *new* little annoying things. Over the summer there must be secret think tank meetings for the purpose of coming up with these new little annoying things. The Big annoying things, like the bureaucracy and stress involved with Add/Drop and picking out classes or our old friend, the housing lottery, are just too big for me to tackle in this forum and frankly who isn't sick of thinking or hearing about these issues anyway (not to mention that this is Ben Mintz territory). But let us get back to my soap box. If you haven't already noticed, there has been a new branch added to the finely tuned machine that is Hamilton Security. On one of those crisp, blue sky days at the beginning of the week my roommate and I pulled into a handicapped spot so that we could unload some of our stuff.

Literally within four seconds of when I opened the car door who whisks into action but, Bike Man, protector of student member and faculty alike, lover of children, and upholder of the no keg policy. He promptly told us to move our car and was gone in an instant, pedaling off to fight injustice, right wrongs and battle campus parking violations everywhere. Question: Do we really need a Cycling Security Guard? And even more disturbing, it seems that the Bike Patrol Guy is only a part of a new, younger, more virile Security Team. This scares me. I remember when the security guy was old enough to have fought in World War One, lived through the Depression, and had seen enough atrocities that he could really care less about some kid drinking or smoking a cigarette in a dorm hallway. This guy was O.K with the fact that the main focus of his job was to let kids into their rooms and checkout false fire alarms. Now we have a bunch of young guns who probably get together after their shifts to drink beer, not go home to watch Jeopardy and soak their feet in Ben Gay. We will certainly have to see what this year has to offer in terms of security scandals (Remember last year's Rooney fiasco).

But where there is security, there is parking, and this brings me to the "Little Annoying Thing Of The Year Award," which of the campus wide parking crisis. The other day when I was embarked on the ten mile trek to my parking lot, I could have sworn that I heard maniacal snickering coming somewhere from the south side of campus. They spent ten billion dollars to refurbish the old DU house (kudos to the Administration by the way for a job well done) and actually paid the money for the construction workers to clear a large expanse behind the building for parking, but when it came time to actually pave the lot, a contsruction worker told me, they were "out of money." The cost of paving a parking lot is literally pocket change compared to the kind of money they have already spent on DU. Maybe they shouldn't have gone for the gold door handles and fixtures. After having received my first parking ticket of the year it occurred to me: Where the hell does the parking ticket money go? Correct me if I'm wrong but maybe it should go towards, ugh, MORE PARKING!

A friend of mine told me about an incident that occurred in a Colorado State Park over the summer. Apparently there is such a thing called bear mace (ten times more powerful than the human kind), that is used in order to thwart bear attacks. A mother of two bought the chemical, and as it said "Bear Repellent" on the can, proceeded to spray her two children with the stuff thinking of course that it would repel bears.

When her children began flailing their arms and screaming she actually yelled at them and told them to sit still until she had finished applying the spray. Much like the mother in this story, the administration has good intentions, but just doesn't seem to notice its students flailing and screaming with discontent.

It is a new year however, and annoying things aside, I am excited. With every year comes breakups, breakdowns, breakouts, new loves, new friendships, new conversations new and exotic ways to get drunk, and special this year: new space-age cyber-classrooms where, (get this) the teacher isn't even really in the room with you.

There are in fact many wonderful things about this place, and though I gripe about it, I love it with, well, most of my heart. Big hugs for everyone, big hug for the administration, big hugs to all the timid disoriented freshman. As you walk around this year try to appreciate Hamilton for its beautiful campus, and its sometimes intellectual environment. Have fun. Don't let the fact that the library steps are now a skate park get you down, and watch out for that bike cop.

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LECTURES

Sunday: Stanford University, University of California/Berkeley author Peter Carroll will hold a panel discussion on "The Meaningof the Spanish Civil war." Dwight Lounge, Bristol Campus Center, 2 p.m.

Monday: "The Abraham Lincoln Brigade and Spanish Civil War: Legend and Legacy." PeterCarroll, author, Stanford University and University of California/Berkeley and Maurice Isserman, William R. Kenan Professor of History, Hamilton College. 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday: HAVOC Open House, 4:30 - 6:30 in the Events Barn.

Tuesday: Wellness Seminar Series: "Time Management." 7:30 p.m. in the Red Pit.

Thursday: Kirkland Project Kickoff at 3:00 p.m. in the Events Barn.

FILM

Monday: *The Good Fight.* (USA, Noel Buckner, Mary Dore, Sam Sills, 1984). Introduction and commentary by Abe Osheroff, Veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium 4:00 p.m.

Thursday: *Guernica.* (France, Alain Resnai, 1950) & *Spanish Earth.* (USA, Joris Ivens and Ernest Hemingway, 1937). Introduction and commentary by Scott MacDonald, Professor of Englidh and Film at Utica College, Adjunct Professor of Film at Hamilton. 7:30 Emerson Gallery.

ARTS

Sunday: Opening reception. "Shouts from the wall: Posters and Photographs Brought Home from the Spanish Civil War by American Volunteers." Emerson Gallery 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

CHECK IT OUT

Saturday: "1964...The Tribute." Sponsored by the campus Activities Board. 9:00 p.m., Events Barn. See article, page 12.

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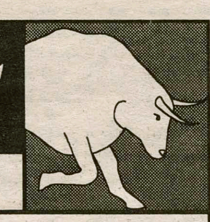

For The Week Of September 5-11

Forseen By The Mysterious Q
A&E Astrologer

Aries
(March 21-April 20)
So you spent all your summer money buying books and you have no desire to open any of them. Well Aries, things will get better by the end of the week and the soap operas will begin. Your lucky flavor is: strawberry.

Taurus
(April 21-May 21)
Hamilton's looking a lot different to you, Taurus. Enjoy the weather while it lasts, there's lots of possibilities if you'd just go outside. Your lucky activity is : frisbee.

Gemini
(May 22-June 21)
Your swerve is back in full affect and the passport is valid once again, Gemini. Travel will be your best bet. You tend to deny the obvious, be blatant this year and you will find happiness. Your lucky spot: Minor Field.

Cancer
(June 22-July 22)
Everyone loves you Cancer. But be careful, luck only goes so far. Be careful what you do, everyone is watching you. You're not as sly as you may think you are. Your lucky song is : How Bizarre.

Leo
(July 23-August 23)
Don't party too hard, Leo. It's been a while since you've worked....anything. Now may be your time. But beware of neighbors bearing food, it may be poisonous. Your lucky shoe is: Buffer-style Bucks.

Virgo
(August 24-September 23)-
So it's the birthday season for many of you Virgos, wish for a new game plan. You tend to be mighty cocky at times, and some even mistake it for charm. Soon your act will be discovered. Best to confront any possible enemies now. Your lucky team: Boston Red Sox.

Libra
(September 24-October 23)
So your new room is awesome and your classes all rock. Everything seems to be in place. Libra, things are looking good this year for you. Make sure to look over your shoulder every once in a while and you shall rule the school. Your lucky time is: 4:20.

Scorpio
(October 24-November 22)
There's no stopping you Scorpio. Your energy is neverending. Dance all night, play all day, you're the Energizer bunny. Make sure you do something constructive with all this enthusiasm. Join a club or something. Your lucky shampoo is: Finesse.

Sagittarius
(November 23-December 21)
You've been trying to ease yourself into the scene. Well, enough of that Sagittarius! This weekend go after what you want. Didn't your mother ever tell you honesty is the best policy? Just have a ball. Your lucky show is: Sesame Street.

Capricorn
(December 22-January 20)
You may be feeling like a third wheel, Capricorn, but you are number one in someone's heart. Just be a little more suspicious and your soul mate will come out of the woodwork. Love is in the air. Your lucky watch is: Indiglo.

Aquaries
(January 21-February 19)
So you've got your groove going on and you're all psyched to kick it. Beware of harems and followers, they will be lurking in the bushes ready to pounce. Take off the headphones every once in a while and enter the real world. It's a brand new year, be sure to remember that. Your lucky color is: orange.

Pisces
(February 20-March 20)
Strange people say hello wherever you walk. Come on and join the game, smile back. Lose the attitude this year and have fun. There's no need to be all suave and high class, it's more fun to be weird. Your lucky food is: carrots.

MOVIES IN REVIEW

G.I. JANE

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Courtesy Hoyt's Sangertown 8
Sangertown Square Mall

By Kathy Hess '99
A&E Writer

First week of school causing pain? Go see *G.I. Jane*. The stress of classes will become insignificant to the Navy SEAL Trainees' Hell Week (followed by several months of lesser hell), as experienced by Lt. Jordan O'Neil (Demi Moore: *Ghost, The Hunchback of Notre Dame*). The Navy SEALs are the elite special forces branch of the Navy. That means that they are rigorously prepared, and sixty percent (according to the film) do not make it past the training. The movie places a female lieutenant into the training to see if she can make it.

How does a woman make it into the Navy SEALs? Well, the combat oriented females of the armed forces have Sen. Lillian DeHaven (the awesome Anne Bancroft: *The Miracle Worker, The Graduate*) on their side politically. She is the head of a committee that tells the Navy that "If women measure up, we'll get 100 percent integration." The navy decides that the fastest way to get a woman to not measure up is to put her in the SEALs. The senator comes up with a talented attractive candidate (talented so she won't look stupid, attractive so that the press and public will like her), who is bitter about not being allowed to fight in the Gulf War- Lt. Jordan O'Neil. O'Neil works at a desk and analyzes things.

She agrees to go to the training for similar reasons that the men do: to further her career. It becomes clear early in the film that career advancement is only a piece of why anyone would want to go through the training. O'Neil doesn't want to be a political guinea pig. The Navy knows that that is exactly what she is. Navy training is very clear about being polite, solicitous, and generous with women in the military. In order to become a Navy SEAL, one is put down, run around, beat on, fed little, and given little. That makes it very hard to know what to do with a woman in SEAL training (or really any other training). It also makes it hard for the other potential SEALs to respect Lt. O'Neil when she is kept in separate quarters, and is ordered to receive a leg up on some training.

The movie is successful because it focuses on how Lt. O'Neil deals with becoming a part of the group, not how she is abused by the group and sues all their asses later. Not to say that she doesn't experience abuse at the hands of the Navy. The movie allows that the Navy SEALs will not change for women to become them, so O'Neil has to work to become a part of the group, and becoming a part of the group is what is key to O'Neil's success or failure. She needs the support of the men, and needs them to feel that she is a part of them. The film is a little long winded, and sometimes unclear about exactly what the military people are doing, but overall handles a potentially sticky problem of putting a woman in the Navy, without turning the film into a cheesy movie of the week.

Moore is great in her role as the lieutenant. She allows for flaws, and portrays the tenacity it takes to be a good little soldier with enthusiasm or exhaustion when appropriate. Bancroft is, as always, wonderful in her role as a prickly Texas senator. The Master Chief of the trainees is cruelly well played by Viggo Mortenson (*Crimson Tide, The Indian Runner*). O'Neil's boyfriend Royce (Jason Beghe: an episode of *the X-Files*) does a good job of balancing the other character's strong personalities.

The movie was written and directed by Ridley Scott. He is famous for is adventure movies *Blade Runner, Aliens,* and *Thelma and Louise*. That last one is the movie that *G.I. Jane* will probably be most compared to. The greatest difference in *G.I. Jane* is that all the main characters get to be multi-sided, not just the good ones. There are icky people, but he gives reasons for how they feel about issues. Probably the most common response to this movie is that the situation could never happen in real life. Who knows, but if the search is for only for real life, exactly the way it is now, why go to the movies?

"1964...The Tribute" to rock Events Barn

By Colin Carman '00
A&E Writer

There are 30,000 Elvis impersonators in the Unites States alone. That is a truly frightening statistic considering the thousands of American men who are actively emulating an obese, pill-popping lounge lizard who had a soft spot for pork chops and women in white, cotton panties. But there is only ONE Beatles impersonation band and that's "1964...The Tribute."

In fact, they were hailed by Apple Records, the Beatles' own label, as "The #1 Beatles Show In The World." George Harrison's own sister, Louise, found the band's act so convincing that she held a private party for them in her home. Alistair Taylor, the former president of Apple Records, raved "the resemblance was uncanny, it sent shivers down my spine."

PHOTO COURTESY 1964

The not so fab-four: Mark, Gary, Tom and Terry

Not only is the sound of "1964...The Tribute" virtually identical to the collective effort of John, Paul, George, and Ringo, but the band has spent years trying to perfect the Beatles look: the Beatle boots, the Vox amplifiers, the shag haircuts, even the spoken voices. Gary Grimes learned to play guitar left-handed so he could better play his part as Paul McCartney. Mark Benson, who plays John Lennon, said that he was never impressed with the bands he saw impersonate the Fab Four, so he and his band mates (Grimes, Tom Work as George Harrison, Terry Manfredi as Ringo Starr) hit the road and did it their way.

"1964...The Tribute" celebrates the songs performed by the Beatles during their touring years of 1963 to 1964. The Beatles stopped touring in 1966 to record solely in the studio, only to break up two years later.

So even if you've never heard music older than Cobain and Alanis, and you think "Can't Buy Me Love" was a song written for that movie with Patrick Dempsey, come see "1964...The Tribute" blow the roof off the Events Barn with shockingly good renditions of "Hard Day's Night," "I Want To Hold Your Hand," and "Twist and Shout."

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BRANFORD'S SURPRISE VISIT

Marsalis preaches: "Imagination is the limit"

By Jay Gormley '00
A&E Editor

A respectable group of students gathered in Wellen Hall yesterday after noon to listen to an "informal rap secession" with Branford Marsalis and Frank McComb. Marsalis was in the Utica area to perform at Captain Trips with his band Buckshot LeFonque. One of the greatest contemporary jazz saxophonists and songwriters today, Marsalis is best known as the original band leader on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno".

Photo by Tom Ayres '98

Fielding questions from the audience Marsalis, shared his views on the current state of jazz and the record industry. He was critical of the industry, saying that "Record companies, especially on the black side of the industry, are not out to develop careers."

He went on to say that commercial contemporary music should ideally be more like FM radio in the early 70's, when broadcasting was not an industry, but DJ's playing music that they liked. He feels that "american business killed" the independence of the stations and seriously hampered the growth of music by restricting the variety of music played over the radio waves. Marsalis also regrets today's lack of jazz clubs, which were popular in the 30's and 40's, for they "worked to accelerate the process of jazz learning."

Marsalis is originally from New Orleans, where growing up in an all black neighborhood but going to a primarily white school exposed him to a wide range of music, from Led Zeppelin to James Brown to Puchini. He also credits his parents for never telling him to "turn that s*** off" when he listened to music. His love of different styles is apparent when considering that he has worked with artists like Sting, the Greatful Dead, Maya Angelou and Bruce Hornsby, to name a few.

Buckshot LeFonque's second album (written by Marsalis) expresses this wide variety of musical styles, as it ranges from contemporary jazz songs to funk and rap-flavored tracts. The R & B song "Phoenix," sung by McComb, is especially popular in Holland, where it has reached top 10 status. However, Marsalis discounted its success by saying "Being a hit in in holland is like having a hit just in Texas, or maybe Arkansas."

Marsalis and McComb performed Phoenix as well as playing some improvisational jazz with McComb on the piano and Marsalis on his signature soprano sax. Marsalis talked about the jazz musician as a rare breed - one has to both improvise and stay with a constantly changing beat. "When it works," said Marsalis "its beautiful."

At the end of the almost two hour question and answer session, an audience member asked Marsalis about the future of jazz, and if he thought there was going to be a fundamental shift toward techno, rap or punk. After a brief moment of reflection Marsalis replied, "Jazz is fine the way it is, and their is lots of uncharted territory. The only limit to jazz is the imagination."

MHAS kicks off season

By Jenny Jefferson
A&E Writer

It will be a difficult task to surpass the quality of performances brought to Hamilton by the 1996-1997 Music at Hamilton Artists Series (MAHAS), but the groups coming to campus this fall are capable of meeting the challenge. Drawing from diverse fields of musical accomplishment, this season's series promises to provide music for all tastes.

The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra will be kicking off the season on Saturday, September 27. The group has its roots in the 1930's orchestra formed by the gifted saxophonist Jimmy Dorsey and his brother Tommy, a talented trombonist. Today Jim Miller directs The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra. Jim is a composer and trombonist, and has worked with many famous musical groups, including the Tex Beneke, Les and Larry Elgart, Glenn Miller, and Guy Lombardo bands. Saturday's performance by the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra will feature renowned vocalist Nancy Knorr and her 40's style music.s. Over the course of her career, she has performed with Hal Linden, Doc Severinsen, Toni Tennile, Jack Jones, and Les Brown.

The American Brass Quintet will be following the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra with a performance on Saturday, November 1. Hailed by the New York Times as "a staggering display of technical virtuosity and musical sophistication," the ABQ holds many distinctions. In addition to being in residence at the Juilliard School of Music and the Aspen Music Festival, the brass quintet has been performing continuously longer than any other on the continent. The group has also had much experience playing for audiences the world over. Group members include Raymond Mase and Chris Gekker on trumpet, David Wakefield on horn, Michael Powell on trombone, and John Rojak on bass trombone. The five play music extending in style from Renaissance to contemporary American, and have made over forty recordings thus far.

The last concert in the 1997 fall MAHAS will feature the thirty year old Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble, a group consisting of principle players from The Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Orchestra. The Ensemble is a widely acclaimed group that breaks itself into different numbers and combinations of players depending on the demands of the program. The Hamilton community will be honored by a string octet, which will play Brahms's Sextet in B-flat Major, op. 18; Shostakovich's Prelude and Scherzo for Octet, op. 11 and Mendelssohn's Octet in B-flat Major, op. 20.

This season promises to be a winner, so buy your tickets now! Each concert is $5 for students, but a season ticket will get you into these concerts, as well as the spring concerts, for a total of $10. Call x4331 for more information. See you in Wellin!

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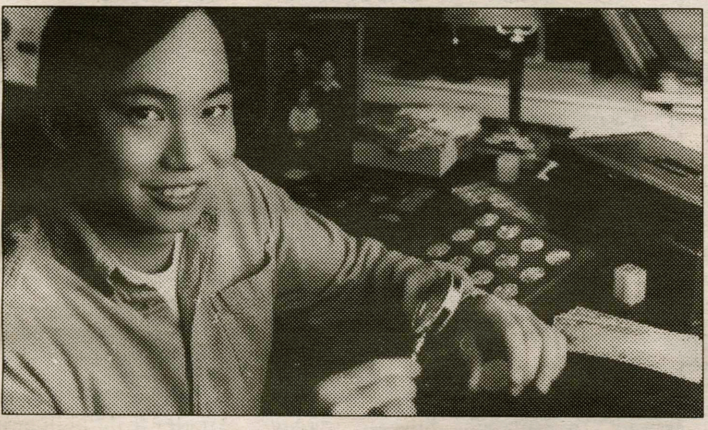

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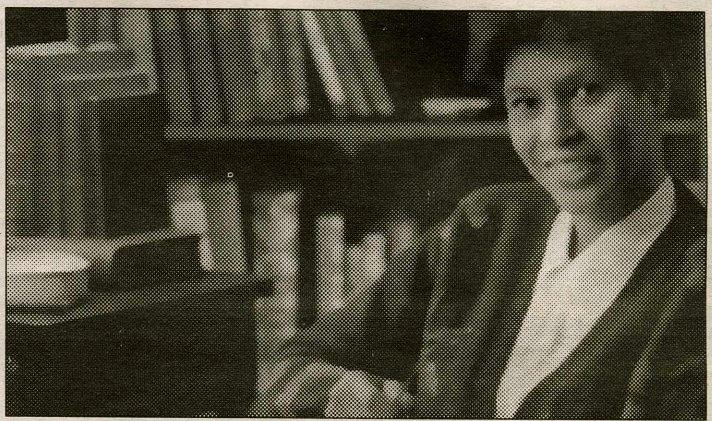

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Washington at Pittsburgh 9/7	Washington	Washington	Pittsburgh	Washington	Washington
Green Bay at Philadelphia 9/7	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay
San Farncisco at St. Louis 9/7	St. Louis	St. Louis	San Francisco	San Francisco	St. Louis
Kansas City at Oakland 9/8	Kansas City	Oakland	Kansas City	Oakland	Kansas City
MLB					
Baltimore at Yankees 9/6	Yankees	Baltimore	Yankees	Baltimore	Baltimore
Chicago W-Sox at Cleveland 9/7	Cleveland	Cleveland	Chicago	Cleveland	Chicago
Philadelphia at NY Mets 9/9	NY Mets	NY Mets	NY Mets	NY Mets	NY Mets
Florida at San Diego 9/10	Florida	San Diego	Florida	Florida	Florida
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Syracuse at Oklahoma 9/6	Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse	Oklahoma	Syracuse
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The Ryder Cup, Howe, Rangers and theYanks

JASON SANTARCANGELO
FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

National Pride on the Links.

The Europeans have finally selected their best twelve golfers to face a talented young American Corp at Valderrama (southern tip of Spain) in the Ryder Cup. The Americans lost a close battle at Oak Hill in Rochester in 1995, but the Europeans are fearful of a young American team headed by the number one golfer in the Sony World Rankings, **Tiger Woods.** The American team includes winners of three of the four majors—Woods won the Masters, **Justin Leonard** won the British Open and **Davis Love III** won the PGA Championship when he was in danger of not making the American squad.

Ernie Els, who won the United States Open, the fourth major, is not eligible to play because he hails from South Africa, leaving an experienced European team that must fear the long ball of the Americans. Rounding out the twelve man American team are last year's British Open Champion **Tom Lehman, Jim Furyk, Phil Mickelson, Jeff Magert, Mark O'Meara, Scott Hoch** and **Brad Faxon, Fred Couples** and **Lee Janzen**, both of whom were picks of US Captain **Tom Kite.**

The European Team has not been without controversy. European Team Captain **Seve Ballesteros** and European Officials threw Spain's **Miguel Angel Martin** off the team after Martin refused to play a practice round to prove his surgically repaired wrist would be ready for competition. Martin is lodging a formal protest. Taking his place is **Jose Maria Olazabal**, a close friend of Ballesteros. With Olazabal on the team Ballesteros was able to use his captains picks on the crafty veterans **Nick Faldo** and **Jesper Parnevik.**

Rounding out the European Team are Scotland's **Colin Montgomerie**, Northern Ireland's **Darren Clarke**, Germany's **Bernhard Langer, Ian Woosnam** of Wales, Sweden's **Per-Ulrik Johansson**, England's **Lee Westwood**, Spain's **Ignacio Garrido**, Denmark's **Thomas Bjorn** and Italian **Coatantino Rocca**. Expect the Americans to come home with the Cup behind the strong play of a new generation of golfers.

Howe to come back: Part II

Argueably the greatest hockey player of all time will attempt to set a record on October 3, 1997 that not even **Wayne Gretzky** will be able to break. **Gordie Howe** will skate one shift with the Detroit Vipers of the International League to become the first player to play professional hockey in six decades. Howe insisted, "this is not a come back, I want to be clear this is for only one shift."

Howe attempted to accomplish this feat last season with the Syracuse Crunch of the American Hockey League. The attempt was just that as Syracuse backed out because they were in hot pursuit of the playoffs. For the Vipers, this is definitely a win-win situation. They are coming off the Turner Cup (the top team prize in the IHL, its kinda like the Stanley Cup) and its opening night. They will be sure to fill all the seats in the Palace at Auburn Hills, Michigan. During his 25-year career with the Detroit Red Wings, Howe amassed 801 goals, 1,049 assists in 1,767 NHL regular season games. He won the NHL's MVP award five times in an eight year span, while winning four Stanley Cups.

On the Move in New York?

The Inside word from league officials has St. Louis Blues sniper, **Brett Hull** on the trading block again. The Blues, under the direction of ex-general manager and coach **Mike Keenan,** had Hull on the block permanently. Now with teams like the New York Rangers in search of a number one center to lead the offense, the Blues have put Hull on the clothesline. Other teams said to have interest in Hull include the Washington Capitals, the Colorado Avalanche (who managed to keep **Joe Sakic** from the Rangers) and the Chicago Blackhawks. The only bonafide contender in the group is the Rangers. When **Mark Messier** fled the Big Apple for a lucrative contract in Vancouver, the Rangers lost their number one center. They may not have much to trade, but **Neil Smith** is in a bind. He must act swiftly and decisively if the Rangers want to avoid being the laughing stock of the Eastern Conference this coming season. An aging group of crafty veterans can only go so far, especially after a grueling 82 game regular season, which includes a mid-season break for the Olympics. Time will tell.

Just across the block in the Bronx, the Yankees have faltered of late because **George Steinbrenner** and **Bob Watson** put too much faith in a starting rotation that at the time of the trading deadline was legitimately three deep, **David Cone, Andy Pettitte,** and **David Wells. Dwight Gooden** has not responded after surgery, **Kenny Rogers** continues to be streaky and Cone is out with shoulder stiffness. Steinbrenner's "Import of the Year," **Irabu—**well he has been exported to the bullpen and should be exported to the minor leagues (trust me, I have seen him pitch twice and he is third rate at best). The Bombers have been carried by the strong play of **Tino Martinez** who is atop the major league in almost every offensive category, **Paul O'Neill** who is magnificent with runners in scoring position, **Bernie Williams**, this August's player of the month and the consistency of **Derek Jeter** and **Mariano Rivera**. If the Yankees want to hold onto the wild card and make a run at the pennant they must pull together and persevere, despite the Bosses best efforts to undermine the team this season. This team has the talent to repeat. To do so however, they must win and that's the bottom line.

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Men and women's x-country teams on track for another promising season

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Men's crosscountry looks to hit its stride early.

By Kate Dalke '98

SPORTS WRITER

Have you been walking about campus and seen large packs of peoplerunning on Martin's Way or huffing and puffing up the hill? It is the Men's and Women's Cross Country preparing for another promising season this fall. Both teams boast a solid corp of veterans mixed with an energetic crop of first-years which should bolster the program to new heights.

The Women's Cros-Country team, the 1996 UCAA champions and second place finishers at the State meet, returns five of its seven varsity runners. Returning for the Women's squad are Katie Wasilenko '99, Katie McAuliffe '99, Stacy Tyksinski '99, Lesley Vars '00, Robin Loomis '00, and co-captains Kate Dalke '98 and Tara Woolford '99. The team also benefits from a number of talented freshmen, Katie Cohn, Beth Georgian, Liz Guancial, Emily Hill, Merrill Indoe, Lauren Ivison, Susan Paige, and Amy VanDeusen who Coach Ellen Hull described as an "enthusiastic and eager group of first-years." With a combination of experience, depth, and fresh potential the Women's Cross-Country Team looks forward to another championship season.

Similarly the Men's team looks forward to a competitive season with what co-captain Phil Jennings describes as "ten promising new freshmen and a solid core of returning juniors and seniors." Erin Ersenkal '98, Matt Nolan '98, Joseph Button '99, Andrew Hutcheson '99, Roy Sabo '99 and co-captains Jeremy Sokolnicki '98 and Phil Jennings '99 return for the Hamilton Harriers along with first years, Karl Bressler, Samuel Brown, Seth Crossman, Joshua Durant, Steven Guditus, Erik Johnson, Seth O'Bryan, James O'Donnell, Scott Taylor, Shane Tibbitts and Ed Nelson.

Both teams begin the season next week in a dual meet with Union and Hartwick at Union and host the first home meet on October 27 against RPI and Clarkson. Come out to the golf course and cheer on the Men and Women Harriers!

Look for more X-Country coverage as the season progresses

Intramurals: not just a game, a way of life

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Hamilton's finest seek intramural glory. Few will achieve it.

By Damon Lopez O'Dwyer '98

SPORTS EDITOR

As our Varsity athletes prepare for another long year of combat, Hamilton's finest competitors begin to prepare for a battle in the trenches, otherwise known as Intramural Sports. It is often an existence void of glory and accolades, but it is a sacrifice these warrior poets are willing to make. In the year of our Lord Nineteen-Hundred Ninety-Seven and Ninety-Eight, they come to the fields of battle seeking the coveted Hamilton Intramural Victory Tee-Shirt. Many will be lost along the way—victims of such distractions as evening exams, untimely T.A. sessions and Must See T.V.--but there will be no turning back. Champions will emerge, scarred and bruised, but with any luck, the intramural committee will have enough shirts in their sizes to reward the victors.

The challenge awaits all who will embrace its time honored tradition. Are you prepared to hug the I.M. Commissioner, Jason Santarcangelo? How about one of his deputies? Perhaps another athlete or two? Did I mention that many of the sports are co-ed? If so, keep your eye on the Manifestos Board in Bienecke Village for the proclamation of another grueling fall season of Intramural competition and for the deadline date for each sport. This much is known, Monday will be a very big day, as information is likely to trickle down from the IM office.

The fall intramural sports are:

1. Co-ed Flag Football
2. Co-ed Soccer
3. Men's Lacrosse
4. Women's Lacrosse
5. Women's Basketball*
6. Co-ed Volleyball*
7. Squash Open+
8. Golf Open+
9. Ultimate Frisbee+

* indicates late start
\+ indicates tournament

Scorecard

Football
0-0
Field Hockey
0-0
Men's Golf
0-0
Men's Soccer
0-0
Women's Soccer
0-0
Men's Tennis
0-0
Women's Tennis
0-0
Volleyball
0-0
Men's X-Country
0-0
Women's X-Country
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Young rugby team looks forward to season opener

By Ethan Horovitz '00 and Sean Curry '00

SPORTS WRITERS

The Hamilton College Rugby Football Club opened it's fall season on Labor Day afternoon. Following the intense practice the new team captain Dave Bolger '99, said, "While we will miss the graduated seniors, I am confident that the young and talented team will do well against the league's tough competition. We hope to continue our success following two shutout victories over rival Hobart and a domination of Division I Syracuse last year."

Although they lost a number of key players to graduation, the Exiles look strong for their home opener against SUNY Potsdam on Saturday, September 6th. Unfortunately, this year's club lacks size and suffered the loss of sophomore back Chip Barnes to an injury over the summer. However, the team hopes to make up for this with it's speed and determination.

Strong leadership is expected from lone returning senior Kurt "Mac Daddy" Odell. Much of the team's success will also rest on the shoulders of other veterans including: juniors Bolger, Chris "El Presidente" Plecs, Adam Kelly, and Derrek "Mad Dog" HazzarD. "The squad looks promising. We have a lot of returning veterans and talented freshman. We will dominate the league" says Plecs.

Sophomores James Bentley, Hellmet Haffner, Ben Meyers, Ethan Horvitz, and Ben "The Raptor" Mann will be asked to become key players this season. "While the game boots of last year's seniors will be almost impossible to fill, [the sophomores] hope to follow in their footsteps and help the team become the true champions that they are" commented Mann.

The team is also lucky to have a lot of depth behind many of the starting positions, especially in the back field. When asked about the talented sideline, Sean Curry '00 said, "The depth of the bench is a valuable asset to the team and they will be ready to perform if the team needs them."

Team moral was boosted during stretching at the first practice when Andy Cooley '97 returned to campus to give the team a unique motivational talk about the season ahead. He also offered helpful advice to the freshman as to how the game is played. Practice went smoothly as the freshmen learned the fundamentals and the veterans touched up their skills.

The Hamilton Women's Rugby team also looks strong this year. They have a lot of returning veterans including second year captain Jaimee Smith '99. The team will benefit greatly from the knowledge and coaching of senior Steve Watt. They open up their season on Saturday as well with a tough away game against Colgate.